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TRANSPORT MINISTRY NAMES  
NEW MANAGERS, VICE-MINISTERS

NEW OFFICIALS SWORN IN -- Prace, No 118, 20 May 49

On 19 May several new section managers of the Ministry of Transport were sworn into office. They were: Central Manager of the Czechoslovak State Railways, Kazimir Cezek; Central Manager of Czechoslovak Autobus Transport, Engineer Jan Dufek; Manager-in-Chief of Czechoslovak Elbe Transport, Engineer Jan Kohout; Manager-in-Chief of Czechoslovak Oder Transport, Antonin Tichy; and Manager-in-Chief of Czechoslovak Danube Transport, JuraJ Furdik.

The Minister of Transport named his three vice-ministers at the same time. These were Antonin Habernicht, for general administration and legislation; Representative Josef Jura, for water, road, and air transport; and Lazarir Bezek, for railroad transport.

Representative Jura's appointment is a recognition of his political and trade-union career. He began in 1925 as secretary of the Drivers and Transport Workers Union. During the war he was arrested and held in a concentration camp until the end of the war. In 1945, he became the central secretary of the Transport Workers Union of the Revolutionary Trade Union Movement. At the same time he became a member of Parliament.

NEW SHIPYARD IN KOMARNO -- Lidova Demokracie, No 213, 14 May 49

A new shipyard of the Skoda factories, incorporating the latest developments in shipbuilding, is being completed in Komarno.

Electric welding will be used to a considerable extent in the new shipyard. Welding is to be applied to shipbuilding more and more. All work will be done in closed, airy, light workrooms. The cranes to be used are so large that work which used to be done after the ships were launched, such as installing

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motors, can now be done inside. Ongoing ships can be built here, so long as they can be floated down the Danube to the Black Sea. A particular feature of the shipyard is the ship elevator, which can raise a damaged ship out of the water to the repair shop, or launch a completed ship. The elevator makes it possible to keep the docks above the water level of the river.

The new shipyard will not only satisfy domestic requirements, but will also be able to repair foreign ships.

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